

Relevant Information for Community Services and Facilities Committee

FILE: S117676 **DATE:** 15 September 2025

TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Monica Barone PSM, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Information Relevant To Item 3 – Grants and Sponsorship - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund and Ad Hoc Grant - Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program

Alternative Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant for the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve an Ad Hoc cash grant of up to **\$100,000** ~~\$50,000~~ to Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program Inc (ABN 98 732 869 630) to contribute to the repair the roof of its facility at 35 Cope Street, Redfern, with funding to be sourced from the 2025/26 General Contingency Fund;
- (D) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and

- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

Purpose

To provide an Alternative Recommendation with a revised grant amount for Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program Inc following receipt of an updated support request.

Background

In early September 2025, the City received a request from Jarin Ingram-Baigent, CEO of Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program Inc (Wyanga), for urgent financial support to repair the roof of their facility at 35 Cope Street, Redfern following recent adverse weather. The damage to the roof has caused the closure of half of the facility and relocation of all the organisation's Elders programs, severely impacting the organisation's service delivery and the safe, culturally appropriate care they would typically provide.

On 15 September 2025, the City received a revised urgent request from Wyanga seeking support for the repair of the roof at 35 Cope Street, Redfern and additionally seeking urgent technology replacements and upgrades to enable the displaced team to maintain communications, deliver services, and keep the organisation running until the premises are restored.

Wyanga has also sought support/funding from other organisations without success to date. Wyanga does not have the financial resources to meet the remaining costs independently.

Memo from Monica Barone PSM, Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments

Attachment A. Revised Letter from Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program Inc - Urgent Support Request - Emergency Roof Works at Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program Inc

Approved

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Chief Executive Officer